

THE SCOTCH CHURCH.

RESIGNATION OF THE REV. JAMES SMITH, M. A.

We give the following extracts from the report of the last General Meeting of the Scotch Church Magazine, of the report of the last General Meeting of St. Andrew's Scotch Church congregation.

Those who have the privilege of knowing the venerable clergyman who has so long ministered to the spiritual wants of the Scotch Community in this country, as well as the British residents at large, of all creeds, will endorse every word Mr. Thomas Drysdale and Dr. Alston have so eloquently said in reference to his resignation, while rejoicing that Mr. Smith will continue to live amongst us. His expected successor has won his way with all since his arrival here, and Mr. Smith's mantle could not possibly fall on more worthy shoulders.

The following Resolutions were carried:—

RESOLVED—That the number of Trustees shall be increased from four members to five members.

RESOLVED—That Messrs. Mac Olymont, David Methven, and William Anderson be re-elected for current year.

RESOLVED—That Messrs John Drysdale and James Dadds be appointed Trustees to fill the vacancies.

Mr Dadds has accepted, but Mr John Drysdale regrets his inability to do so, and in his stead Mr H. W. Lochore has been asked, and has agreed to accept office.

The Trustees for the current year are consequently—

Mr Robert McClymont
Mr William Anderson
Mr David Methven
Mr James Dadds
Mr H. W. Lochore

The ordinary business of the Meeting being completed by the election of Trustees, the Chairman requested permission to vacate the Chair, and suggested that Mr James Dadds should conduct the special business about to be discussed. Mr McClymont's proposal being accepted Mr. Dadds took the chair.

Mr Thomas Drysdale was of opinion that no time should be lost in obtaining an organ and felt sure the fund could easily be collected, and provided the idea was carried out at an early date Mr Drysdale offered the handsome subscription of £200 towards cost of the instrument.

RESOLVED—That a Voluntary be played before and after morning and evening service, that the playing over of the last line of the time at conclusion of each Psalm or Hymn be left to discretion of Choir Committee.

THAT an organ should be obtained in place of present Harmonium.

The Chairman then said that the Congregation was aware that the Rev. Mr Smith had intimated to the Trustees that it was his desire to resign the duties and emoluments of the Church early next year, and as Mr Smith had addressed a letter to the Trustees he would ask the secretary to read same as follows:—

Bs. Aires, 19 h January 1882
To the
Trustees of the Scotch Church,
Gentlemen:

"After 32 years of arduous labour the thought has naturally occurred to me, that in the interest of the Church and of my own health it would be advisable at no very distant date to resign a portion of those duties in the discharge of which I have experienced so much kindness not only from the members of our own Church, but from the whole British Community.

"As Mr Fleming's present engagement will not terminate till November and as it is to be hoped that by the Divine Blessing his health will continue to improve so as to enable him to undertake all Congregational Work, I propose to see him over the hot season of 1883 and at the end of April of that year to resign to him the Church and its emoluments. I would then take a trip home for a few months and, after my return, would hold service, baptisms and marry as might be expedient, but in so doing would be bound down to no particular sphere and would be free from all responsibility.

"I would thus still be able to be of some use to the cause of Christ in this land, and would not be separated from those old and valued friends who have stood around me from the first, and without whose assistance I could have done little in carrying on the important work in which I have been so long engaged.

I remain, Gentlemen
With the greatest esteem
and affection,
Your friend and pastor,
James Smith.

Dr Alston said: 'Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen'

"After listening to the reading of the letter received from the Revd. Jas. Smith I feel sure Mr. Chairman, that I faithfully interpret the feeling of this entire assembly, when I affirm that the emotion we all experience is great. The event Mr. Chairman, is a momentous one, for

Minister and Congregation. After a memorable service of 32 long years, the venerable pastor of this Congregation comes before his people, claiming privilege, advancing age, with failing energies, reasons for our releasing him from the cares of this charge. At the same time expressing his desire (D V) at a future time, to be again near us, ever ready to help us to the best of his ability, should his health permit of it. Having personally heard from Mr. Smith, that this is really his desire and intention, listening to the letters just read, and the reasons therein expressed for the grave step he has taken, I feel constrained, Mr. Chairman, to say, that in my opinion, a graceful act on the part of this meeting would be to meet the spirit of Mr. Smith's request in the direction he desires, by conceding the request sought. Mr. Chairman, I do not require to draw the attention of the meeting to the grace and nobility of this voluntary resolution of Mr. Smith; we all know the pastorate is for life, and no call, other than death, or default, releases the congregation as a church from its obligations to him. Of his own free will and impulse he resigns these obligations and emoluments, in favor of the church, in the interest of the cause of his life's labour. Mr. Chairman, in the presence of such acts, I am unable to take upon myself to express the feelings of this congregation on the present occasion, neither am I able nor will I attempt to enter upon any appreciation of the many and great services rendered by the Revd. Mr. Smith, during the long period he has laboured among us. Simply because I feel unable to do so, and already hinted I am unwilling to try, when I know I would fail. I therefore Mr. Chairman move that this meeting accede to Revd. Mr. Smith's request, and beg at the same time to suggest that he do elect, and deputate, a committee from amongst its members who together with the church trustees, will convey this decision to the Revd. Gentleman, and also arrange to express to Mr. Smith in an appropriate manner, what all feel, but what only a gifted few can express, and for which I, particularly at this moment, lack both the ability and the language necessary."

"Mr. Thomas Drysdale said:

Mr. Chairman and Friends,
I have been requested to second the resolution moved by my friend Dr. Alston, "that the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Smith be approved by this meeting." As you are aware this resignation is voluntary on the part of Mr. Smith and in accordance with his wishes will doubtless be approved by the meeting.

"Still my friends, only bethink yourselves, it will not do for us nor can we forget the past—the pious and painstaking labours of Mr. Smith live in the memory of all of us, and I am perfectly sure that if a Minister of the Gospel speaks by example as well as by precept, then Mr. Smith has truly spoken well and his daily walk will be vividly remembered while many an eloquent and thrilling discourse shall have lost its place in our recollections. If there is a force in self-denying and self-endangering action for the sake of others, then has that force been all along manifested in the life of Mr. Smith.

"Let us look back for example to '71 when the malignant fever made such havoc in this town how did our Minister discharge the duties devolving upon him? Others fled, but he remained in the steady exercise of an almost holy faith and love immovable from his post and task—neither day nor night kept him back from running amongst the sick and dying regardless of distance, age, creed, or nationality.

"But task you tonight if you ever knew him to be wanting in the house of trouble and trial when those who were near and dear to you were ill? (many I trust in glory now) there in defiance of heat or storm was the warm-hearted man by the sick-bed of anguish. My friends, my heart almost fails me when I take a retrospect of the thirty-two years past labour of Mr. Smith, and I feel that as God never forsakes his beloved servants we also should be steady in our affection and attachment to one who has broken amongst us the Bread of Life, who has served the Lord so long and sincerely and guided the steps of the congregation so faithfully and wisely. My friends, all the aged and true preachers of God are entitled to this our unabated affection.

"They want but little here below
"Nor want that little long."

These sentiments expressed by Dr. Alston and Mr. Drysdale were warmly applauded by all present.

The following resolution was then carried:—

RESOLVED—That in accepting the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Smith in accordance with the tenor of his letter of 7th inst., a special Committee be appointed consisting of Messrs. Thomas Drysdale, W. Wilson, R. Inglis Runciman and Dr. Alston in conjunction with the Trustees of the Church, to convey to Mr. Smith in an appropriate address the feelings of the Congregation.

It was also resolved that on Mr. Smith's retirement from the Church, a suitable presentation should be made to him as a mark of the Congregation's appreciation of the valuable service rendered by him to the Church, and as a slight testimony of the regard and esteem which they entertain towards Mr. Smith.

The Chairman then said that in view of Mr. Smith's resignation, it was necessary to consider now the appointment of a successor, and he felt sure he was expressing the unanimous wish, not only of the meeting, but of the whole congregation when he said that he earnestly hoped the Rev. J. W. Fleming would feel able to remain amongst us.

The following resolution was then carried:—

RESOLVED—That the Rev. J. W. Fleming be requested to accept the appointment of assistant and successor to the Rev. James Smith from the 1st November prox.

RESOLVED—That the Rev. J. W. Fleming be requested to accept the charge of St. Andrew's Scotch Church from 1st May 1883.

RESOLVED—That the Stipend guaranteed to Mr. Fleming from 1st May 1883 be not less than £280 per annum.

RESOLVED—That Messrs. Robert McClymont, James Dadds, William Anderson, David Methven, junior, H. W. Lochore, and R. Inglis Runciman be appointed as a special Committee to embody the foregoing Resolutions in form of an address, and arrange to give the congregation individually an opportunity of attaching their signatures to same.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting, which was numerously attended than any previous meeting of the Congregation for many years.

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